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LR 152, 205

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Do you have any closing arguments, Senator Venditte?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think the point that I'm trying to raise here is a very simple one and that is simply this. The amendments pending before us right now is nothing more than an attempt to side-track LR 152 and obviously prevent it from coming to a final vote. I realize and I'm sure all of you realize that this is a very controversial issue and I know that this issue was a controversial one and some Senators including those, yes, including those people who have signed LR 205 would just as soon not face this issue head on. I am hoping that you will allow additional time here this afternoon so that we can resolve LR 152 either up or down.

PRESIDENT: Please vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, a Call of the House please.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the House go under Call. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 22 nays, 4 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We're under Call. Senators, please return to your desks and record your presence. The Chair will receive votes. Please return to your desks and record your presence promptly. Would the Sergeant at Arms secure the absent members to the Chamber?

CLERK: Senator DeCamp voting aye.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes, record your presence. Senator Frank Lewis, record your presence. Senator Warner. Senator Cope.

CLERK: Senator Stoney voting aye. Senator Merz voting aye.

PRESIDENT: Report the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on Senator Venditte's motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Clark moves that the Call be raised. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 0 nays on raising the Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised. Read the next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have pending Senator Chamber's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Would you please read Senator Chamber's motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, and Senator, it reads as follows: (Read Chamber's motion found on page 1528 of the Journal.)

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. Speaker, or Mr. President, I was trying to speak on about two other issues prior to this and I hate